

EXAMPLE 1  
Informal Behavioral Guidelines

**BEHAVIOR GUIDELINE PLAN**

**Client:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Implementation date:** \_\_\_\_\_ July 28, 2000, Revised 9-15-01 \_\_\_\_\_

**Target Behavior:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will exhibit zero (0) episodes of **NONCOMPLIANCE** (*failure to comply with staff request for generic and specific training, failure to comply with staff's request for safety*) a month for 12 consecutive months. [Projected completion date 7-2002]

Goal: \_\_\_\_\_'s behavior can be distracting to others (potentially causing behaviors in other clients). In addition, his/her behavior may pose a danger to his/her safety and welfare. The goal is to assist him/her in the management of his/her appropriate behaviors.

**Positive Reinforcement**

**Day Program**

- If \_\_\_\_\_ is observed exhibiting positive behavior (including the absence of noncompliance), he/she should be praised verbally.

**Residence**

- If \_\_\_\_\_ arrives home with no behavior incident reports and continues to comply with staff throughout the evening (approx. 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm), he/she will earn a star to be put on a chart.
- When he/she earns seven (7) stars, he/she will have the opportunity to take an outing in the community (choices include, but are not limited to: movies, department stores, parks, etc.)

**Intervention Strategy**

1. If \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits **NonCompliance** (*failure to comply with staff request for generic and specific training, failure to comply with staff request for safety*) staff should:

PREVENTION	ANTECEDENT	INTERVENTION
Provide _____ with an explanation of the request that was made.	When he/she is asked to do or not to do something.	1. Explain why a request was made of him/her. <b>Example:</b> "_____, will you please wash your hands because dinner is ready."
Offer an activity to _____ to distract from the other behavior that is occurring.	When _____ witnesses another client exhibiting a problem behavior.	2. Make the request a second time.
When issuing instructions to _____ maintain positive body language.		3. Remind _____ of possible loss/delay of outing.
		4. Complete BIR.

EXAMPLE 2  
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**BEHAVIOR INCENTIVE CONTRACT**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this agreement is to add incentives for \_\_\_\_\_ to control his/her behavior and to develop more appropriate ways to deal with staff and others.

Specifically, \_\_\_\_\_ will become angry or upset with staff and then “blow up” at those staff to the point of screaming and yelling throughout the house. Not only is this highly disruptive to the others in the home and the staff that work there, it is not healthy for \_\_\_\_\_ to allow himself/herself to become so upset. Staff and clients often find themselves “walking on eggshells” around \_\_\_\_\_ wondering who’s next. After much discussion with \_\_\_\_\_, he/she admits that he/she does not like his/her reputation of causing these feelings in others. He/She too wants to improve relationships.

In determining what \_\_\_\_\_ truly finds rewarding, he/she expressed his/her love of going shopping, going on outings, and receiving gifts. As \_\_\_\_\_ has limited funds, he/she can't shop often. It was decided that \_\_\_\_\_ would earn a gift or special outing for the absence of target behaviors.

**Target Behaviors:**

Screaming at others, threatening staff to have them fired, being noncompliant with reasonable requests, and going throughout the house talking in a loud voice (screaming) about others.

**Procedures:**

1. If \_\_\_\_\_ becomes upset with someone, he/she will talk to the person involved as quickly as possible to express his/her feelings before he/she becomes angry.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ will limit his/her discussion about others to the person involved or the Director of the Department.
3. If \_\_\_\_\_ does not like the way something is scheduled or done, he/she will express his/her dissatisfaction through discussion with the appropriate people.

**Guidelines:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will earn an item of his/her choice for the absence of any target behaviors for two weeks.
  2. If \_\_\_\_\_ has an incident, the two-week period will begin the next day. That way, \_\_\_\_\_ will always have an opportunity to immediately begin earning his/her next item.
  3. If \_\_\_\_\_ wants to earn an item that costs well over ten dollars, he/she will need to extend the time between receiving his/her reinforcer. Time will be based on the cost of the item.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ will let staff know what he/she wants to work for during the next time period.
  5. The guidelines can be changed at any time either \_\_\_\_\_ or others feel it is not working.
  6. This will be implemented in an informal manner (no documentation of earned vs. unearned) to allow \_\_\_\_\_ as much privacy as possible.
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